What is Quarterly Cruise?

Quarterly Cruise is a newsletter distributed to prospective students and published once a term. Its purpose is to provide a sneak peak of life in the College of Forestry, with articles on people, projects and events. It is a window into our community and should give prospective students an idea of who they’ll be rubbing elbows with if they decide to enroll in one of our fantastic degree programs!

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Photo Pictured Above: Row of oaks in front of OSU’s Peavy Hall; courtesy of Johnathan Tenny.
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Do you want to ... get your hands dirty? ... influence your community? ... build your resume?

Corvallis has an abounding resource of volunteering opportunities that can help you connect with new people and the Corvallis community. From working directly in the forest to helping youth learn more about the environment, there are plenty of opportunities to choose from.

Peavy Arboretum
The College Research Forests are one of the main classrooms for a forestry student, so why not have a hand in maintaining them? Trail maintenance and landscaping are just a few of the volunteer opportunities that you can get involved in. Join other community members, as well as your fellow students, in keeping Peavy Arboretum the beautiful educational forest that it is.

[Link to Peavy Arboretum]

cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/peavy-arboretum

Corvallis Parks and Recreation
If you are interested in making a difference directly in the field of recreation, Corvallis Parks and Recreation may be the right fit for you!

corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=267

OSU Center for Civic Engagement
The OSU Center for Civic Engagement can directly connect you to any type of organization you would like to contribute to. They have volunteer and advocacy opportunities right here on campus, as well as around town. They offer programs like Do One Thing (DOT) for community betterment and social change.

[Link to OSU Center for Civic Engagement]
sli.oregonstate.edu/cce

Corvallis Environmental Center
The Corvallis Environmental Center is an organization that can completely immerse you into the community. Volunteer options include working in the SAGE community garden, helping kids learn about the environment at the Avery House Nature Center, and helping the community save energy with the Energize Corvallis program.

[Link to Corvallis Environmental Center]
corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/volunteer-opportunities/

Chintimini Wildlife Center
The Chintimini Wildlife Center has a myriad of opportunities to get involved with.

Projects range from carpentry, graphic design, photography, videography and wildlife rehabilitation. With so many options available, Chintimini is likely to have what you are interested in.

[Link to Chintimini Wildlife Center]
chintiminiwildlife.org/volunteers.htm

Siuslaw National Forest
If you are interested in trail maintenance and monitoring, or becoming an interpreter or camp ground host, the Siuslaw National Forest can show you the way.

[Link to Siuslaw National Forest]
fs.usda.gov/detail/siuslaw/workingtogether/volunteering/?cid=fscdev7-007324

Don’t stop at this small list of opportunities that Corvallis has to offer. Go out and find your own niche too!

Asian & Pacific Cultural Center
The Asian & Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) at Oregon State University was established to provide a fun, safe and welcoming facility for OSU students. The center provides academic, cultural, recreational and social programs and activities related, but not limited to, the Asian/Pacific Island cultures and heritages. The APCC’s mission is to educate both students and community members about the Asian and Pacific Island cultures and to provide leadership opportunities through the events that they hold.

The APCC was established in 1991 by faculty and staff of Oregon State University who saw a need for a center that would serve as a focal point for the education of the campus and local community about the Asian and Pacific Islander cultures. For more information or if you have questions about the APCC, visit their website at oregonstate.edu/apcc/.

Construction is currently underway to give the APCC a new home. Here is an artist’s rendition.
Annual Ring

How does the College of Forestry welcome our new students? With a trip to the Forestry Club Cabin for food and games, of course! This year’s Annual Ring took place at the McDonald-Dunn Forest during CONNECT Week. After Dean Maness officially welcomed students to the College of Forestry, students enjoyed lunch and conversation with fellow new students, advisors, faculty and staff.

After lunch, students were led outside to participate in some fun games. Our favorite was the relay race, where students dressed up in crazy clothes, raced to a designated point and back, and then gave the clothes to the next team member. This continued until everyone on the team had completed the relay.

After the games, it was time to hear some important information about the forests, including a short history lesson and some basic tree and plant identification. All of this information was used for the Annual Ring grand finale... the scavenger hunt!

Teams were given a map and clues that led them around the forest to find the necessary items on the list. Despite some very heavy rain showers (which was really the perfect welcome to Oregon), teams made their way back to the cabin with their scavenger hunt items. Each member of the winning team received a $25.00 gift card to the OSU Beaver Store. Check out what the Beaver store has to offer at: osubeaverstore.com/

Before heading back to campus to participate in the new student walk/convocation, all new students were given a College of Forestry t-shirt.

Annual Ring is hosted by the College of Forestry Student Services Office. This year, Student Services was assisted by the Ambassadors for Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

All new students who start classes in the fall receive invitations to Annual Ring. Be on the lookout for yours in late August of 2015.

If you have questions about Annual Ring, give the College of Forestry Student Services Office a call at 541-737-1594 or email Brooke Clair at: brooke.clair@oregonstate.edu.
Clubs Day

The annual College of Forestry Clubs Day took place during the second week of fall term. The College of Forestry student clubs gathered in the Peavy Courtyard to share information about the many club opportunities available to new (and existing) College of Forestry students. Club activities, meetings and events were explained to students, who were given the opportunity to sign-up for clubs right on the spot. Donuts, cookies and coffee were provided by the Student Services Office for students to enjoy as they browsed the club information.

The College of Forestry has several clubs that meet and host activities throughout the year. These clubs include the Ambassadors for Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources; American Society of Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing; Forest Products Society; International Forestry Students Association; Society of American Foresters Student Chapter; Forestry Club; and Xi Sigma Pi, the forestry honor society. Want to know more about the College of Forestry clubs? Check out the Student Clubs and Organizations web page for club activities and contact information: studentservices.forestry.oregonstate.edu/student-clubs-organizations

Clubs Corner: Forestry Club

In the fall of 1906, a four-year course in forestry was first offered at Oregon State University within the Department of Botany and Forestry under the direction of the School of Agriculture. Two months later, Professor E.R. Lake met with five forestry students at his home with the purpose of establishing a forestry club.

Early forestry club activities included hikes to Avery Park for a bonfire, spring timber cruising field trips, and dances.

In 1925-26 the club constructed a cabin at the new college arboretum (now Peavy Arboretum). In 1949 the cabin burned down. A larger cabin was completed in 1950 and is still in use by the club and the college today.

The forestry club currently sponsors a logging sports team, which participates in competitions with other schools. Events include the Axe Throw, Birlng, Buck Sawing, Caber Toss, Choker Race, Chopping, Limber Pole, Technical Events, and the Tree Climb.

Interested in finding out more about the Forestry Club? The club’s webpage provides club history, events and contact information. If you are interested in joining, contact them today!

clubs.forestry.oregonstate.edu/forestry-club/
The OSU College of Forestry offers students a variety of opportunities to go abroad to study, intern or research in a different country. Michele Justice, Director of International Programs in the College of Forestry, offers some insight into the many opportunities available to College of Forestry students.

**What is an international program?**
An international program is an opportunity to learn and work in another country. These programs allow students to grow in their field of study and create opportunities for international networking and work experience. Opportunities abroad come in several different forms. This includes faculty-led programs that are short (usually 10 – 14 days), and nine-month exchange programs where students study at a partner university overseas. The CoF offers programs in countries such as Australia, Chile, the UK, and France.

**Why go abroad?**
International opportunities provide College of Forestry students a chance to build skills and engage with an increasingly global and interconnected world. The chance to study and work with others in the same field of study, but in another country, gives students a sense of the world beyond their own surroundings. In addition, it helps to build the relationships and networks that students need to start creating their resumes and professional identities. Learning abroad is also a chance for personal development. Students tend to increase their independence, resilience, sense of identity and problem solving skills.

**Who can study abroad?**
All students in the College of Forestry are eligible for international opportunities. If a student is interested in an international internship or study abroad program, they should contact Michele Justice and start working with their academic advisor on planning for that experience.

**Will it delay my graduation?**
Students (and parents) might think that studying or interning abroad will increase the time it takes to complete their major course work (and ultimately take longer to reach graduation), but this is not always the case. International experiences are selected and planned with academic advisors so that the student’s academic program and international experience work together. The goal is to enhance the student’s education, and to ensure that they graduate in a timely manner.

**Do faculty participate in the programs?**
CoF faculty lead several short term programs every year. Longer programs and work experiences are managed by the overseas partner, local university or employer. But faculty often help students find experiences, and provide professional leads and advice. In either case, CoF faculty are involved in international programs, and encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities.

**Which class levels are eligible?**
Students in all class levels are eligible for programs abroad. Planning a study abroad program can take six months to a year, so starting early is important. This makes planning around the student’s academic program easier. This year, the College of Forestry will be sending about 50 students on study abroad programs.

**Which countries can I study abroad in?**
Students interested in going abroad can have a specific destination in mind and often an opportunity can be identified in that destination. This depends on what courses the student needs or wants, the area of study, the opportunities available, and of course, the student’s budget.

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Popular countries for our students to visit include:
- South America (particularly Chile)
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Western Europe

Every year, faculty-led programs take place in different parts of the world. In the summer of 2015, the following programs will take place:
- Resilient Rural Communities in Eastern Oregon
- Akita, Japan
- Production of Housing in Europe
- Conservation and Design with Natural Resources in Alpine Europe
- Tropical Woods and The Fungi That Love Them in the Peruvian Amazon

Do financial aid and scholarships apply toward these programs?
Yes! Financial aid and scholarships can be applied towards university-approved programs, provided students earn OSU credit. Many of the available opportunities are not much different from the cost of taking classes on OSU’s campus, with the addition of airfare. Because the College of Forestry feels that study abroad and international programs are important and critical to the overall educational experience, there are funds available to support students. If a student has a desire to study, research or intern abroad, the CoF can help make that happen.

Can students participate in more than one opportunity?
Yes! Often students will go abroad several times during their OSU career. They might participate in a two-week faculty-led program in one location, and then have an internship opportunity in another location. International internship opportunities continue to grow, utilizing the strong network of overseas alumni and college contacts. These opportunities can be invaluable in developing professional experience, and are a highlight on resumes!

Where would I live while abroad?
Depending on the program type and the length of stay, students can stay with a host family, room in dorms with local students, rent an apartment or stay in a hostel. These details are discussed and arranged while planning the experience.

Is there time for sightseeing?
Of course! Many students travel extensively before, after and during their time abroad. Even during the shorter trips, there is the chance to see the local sights. While students focus mainly on their studies and/or internships, they also have fun. For example, an upcoming trip to the Alps will include a day in Venice, Italy.

I’m interested! Where do I start?
The best way to start is to make an appointment to speak with Michele Justice, the Director of International Programs. She would love to work with any student who is interested in learning about the many opportunities available for study, research and internships abroad. Michele can be reached at 541-737-6458 or by email at michele.justice@oregonstate.edu.

Michele is also more than happy to talk to prospective students and their parents about international opportunities. Her office is located in 140 Peavy Hall.

You can read more about the International Programs and the available opportunities at:
international-programs.forestry.oregonstate.edu/
Student Profile
Becca Armstrong, Renewable Materials

Italian Adventure

In the spring of 2014, I took classes like everyone else. I learned new material like everyone else. I even studied like everyone else. But I did all of this in a small town called Siena, located in the Tuscan region of Italy. My decision to study abroad began early, from the time that I went to a global opportunities fair my freshman year at Oregon State. After that day, I went to my first steps meeting at the International Degree & Education Abroad (IDEA) Office. As I looked over all of the places I could choose to go, I was worried. None of them applied directly to my major, Renewable Materials, and all of them looked extremely expensive. But the travel bug kept biting me, prompting me to search for solutions.

Following this meeting, I discussed my decision to study abroad with my advisor, David Smith. We determined that if I went spring term of my sophomore year, I would still be able to graduate in four years, which was another one of my goals. I loved how supportive the whole College of Forestry staff was about my decision to study abroad. They had wonderful advice and gave me nothing short of their best wishes for my journeys.

During my adventure in Italy, I took a ten-credit Italian language course, a four-credit art class, and a two-credit cross-cultural communications class. On top of that, I volunteered at a kindergarten twice a week, where I helped with an English language class for children ranging from 18 months old to five-years-old. When I first arrived in Italy, I did not know ANY Italian. Trying to work with children who didn’t know English (and didn’t understand why I didn’t know what they were saying) was a challenge, to say the least. But it was experiences like this that helped me learn so much about myself and promoted my own personal growth.

Even though I decided to use a program called AHA: International to go abroad, there are many programs offered through the College of Forestry which allow students to experience a study abroad program.

My international experience has helped shape me into the person I am today. I have learned how to be independent and confident in even the most unexpected circumstances. I have gained self-awareness and a greater sensitivity to diversity and other cultures. This experience has made my college career something I will never forget and something I would never replace. It taught me that even when you feel like you are lost, you are actually finding yourself.

Becca Armstrong works in the College of Forestry Student Services office. She is a junior in the Renewable Materials program.

You can read more about Becca’s trip and other College of Forestry student trips abroad by visiting the Student Blogs webpage!

studentser-vices.forestry.oregonstate.edu/student-blogs
Unexpected Weather

During and after a severe weather event occurs, the staff of the OSU Research Forests have to make sure that the forest is safe for the many visitors that recreate there. Ryan Brown, the Recreation Manager of the Research Forests, explained that in order to keep everyone safe, the most important thing is communication between Research Forest Staff and visitors. The main way that Ryan keeps visitors and students up-to-date about the forest's condition is through the OSU Research Forests listserv, webpage and Facebook page. When the weather is too extreme, they sometimes close trails using sandwich boards or ask people not to visit.

Recently, OSU’s Research Forests experienced harsh weather conditions that caused massive damage. Freezing rain caused major ice accumulations in elevations of 900 feet and above. Over the course of a few days, the ice continued to grow and caused small branches, large limbs and entire trees to fall. In this case, trails were closed and the Research Forests called for volunteers to help clear the trails that were covered with limbs and trees.

The OSU and Corvallis communities showed their support by volunteering in the clean-up effort. Over 40 volunteers helped Ryan Brown and other work leaders at the OSU Research Forests to clear the trails.

They worked in small groups to remove storm debris and make it easier for work leaders with chainsaws to follow and remove logs across the trails. After a few hours of work, the forest trails began to resemble what they looked like before. The OSU Research Forests are a great way for students and community members to gain hands-on experience in trail maintenance and other forestry related skills.

To be added to the Research Forests listserv, contact Ryan Brown at ryan.brown@oregonstate.edu

Research Forests Website: cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/

Research Forests Facebook page: www.facebook.com/OSUCollegeForests

Tree Trivia

Test your tree i.d. knowledge and try to figure out the name of this broadleaf tree that is not native to Oregon. Hints: Its leaves are simple, deciduous and alternate, and they change colors in the fall. The leaves are star-shaped and have 5-7 points. This tree bears a fruit that is golf ball-sized and is spiky, with beaked capsules containing black seeds.

Job Opportunities

Are you wondering how you will connect with employers in your field of study in order to too find the career of your dreams after graduation? The College of Forestry offers several opportunities to assist our students with meeting employers who are eager to hire OSU College of Forestry students and graduates!

Jobs Board

Several College of Forestry majors require six months of work experience as a graduation requirement. As a result of this, we maintain an extensive list of employers that have hired our students for temporary positions and internships. These employers often post their opportunities on the College of Forestry’s Jobs Board. This board is updated regularly with permanent, temporary and seasonal positions and internships. If you are looking for full-time, part-time, or seasonal employment to add to your resume or submit as work experience, visit jobs.forestry.oregonstate.edu.

Employer Information Sessions

The Student Services Office also organizes Employer Information Sessions to help our students connect with employers. The sessions give employers a chance to share the various opportunities their company can provide as well as collect resumes and applications from students who are interested in being hired. These companies are often looking to find students to fill open summer positions. The College of Forestry encourages all students to attend these information sessions. Even if you are not looking to be hired by one of these companies right away, it’s never too early to begin making the necessary connections for future employment.
Head Advisor Profile
Meet Nicole Kent

The College of Forestry has a new Head Advisor, Nicole Kent! Originally from Montana, Nicole made her way to Oregon and received an undergraduate degree in Music Therapy from Willamette University in Salem. Nicole is also an Oregon State alumna, having earned a Master’s of Education in College Student Services Administration. She began her professional career at OSU as an Academic Advisor in the College of Pharmacy for eight years. She then spent three years in the College of Engineering as Head Advisor.

Q&A with Nicole

What inspired you to come to the College of Forestry?
I of course, was attracted to the small, personal nature of the College of Forestry. I really appreciate the commitment to faculty, staff and students being on a first name basis.

What do you like most about the College of Forestry?
I really like being part of a small college on a big campus. We’re able to have a close-knit community in forestry, but we still have all the advantages that come with being on a big campus, with all the opportunities for diversity and events. I also like the ability to provide personalized educational opportunities for each student.

What has been the biggest change for you?
Most recently I came from being a Head Advisor for the College of Engineering, which is a large program, and the biggest change has been the size of the student population. Being able to really tailor our advising services to individual student needs is another change that I am enjoying here.

Do you think that your musical background has influenced or helped you with your advising?
My background is in music therapy – basically the application of music as a tool to achieve therapeutic outcomes with a variety of populations. With that, I studied a lot of psychology and behavioral science, which directly translates into working with students. Also, my performance background is really valuable preparation for the type of presentation, communication and outreach that I perform as part of my job.

What do you like to outside of work?
I’m still active in music; I sing with a group in Salem regularly. My husband and I like to hike around with our dog and play tennis together.

What is the best part about working with college students?
There really is never a dull moment. No two students or their situations are exactly the same. It keeps all of the advisors and me on our toes, and we are always learning. I consider it a privilege to be taken along the journey of transformation that takes place during a student’s college experience.
Angela Carson

Senior
Forest Engineering
Natural Resources

I grew up in the Portland area surrounded by tall Douglas-fir trees on a half-acre at the edge of a forest. My parents grew Christmas trees as a hobby when I was young and I loved to know the names of each variety as well as being able to differentiate between them all. I always enjoyed anything that took me into the woods, whether it was camping, hiking or climbing trees. I started my education at Portland Community College, and earned an associate’s degree before trying my luck in the workforce.

It was the College of Forestry, with the amazing McDonald-Dunn Forest at Oregon State University, that peaked my interest in academics and brought me back to school. The forest features spectacular old-growth stands coupled with actively managed landscapes that showcase the different approaches that we can take in forest management policies and practices.

Currently I am working toward a double degree in Forest Engineering and Natural Resources. I want to pursue an education in forestry that helps me to better understand our ecosystem as a whole and considers often opposing views on the management of these resources.

- Are you interested in talking to Angela or another Ambassador to find out more about OSU and the Colleges of Forestry and/or Agricultural Sciences? Email the Ambassadors at CAS_Ambassadors@oregonstate.edu

Beaver Nation has a magic about it. Whether it is athletic greatness or academic brilliance, Oregon State provides a medium for the students to always strive for the highest. Many of my professors are excellent examples of this mentality, contributing breakthrough research that is both valuable and useful not just to the university, but to the entire state of Oregon.

I wanted to become an Ambassador for Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources because it provides the opportunity to engage with current and future students. Also, I love the idea of sharing the opportunities that are here at OSU with prospective students and helping them to find their niche in life.

- As an Ambassador, Angela has had the opportunity to lead OSU campus tours, attend career fairs and social events on behalf of the colleges, and even attend a conference in Kentucky!
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